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SUBJECT: SEC. VISIT: INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH PRESS BY

SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT  
IN ANKARA, MAY 23, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SUBJECT EXCHANGES WITH PRESS  
BEFORE AND FOLLOWING BREAKFAST MEETING AT FORMER PRIME  
MINISTER ECEVIT'S RESIDENCE ON MAY 23:

QUOTE (BEFORE BREAKFAST)

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Q. WELL, WE WERE WONDERING ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT TO LEMONDE. IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY SURPRISE IN ATHENS (SIC). DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT SPEECH? KISSINGER: NO, I DO NOT THINK I SHOULD MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT. I HAD A TALK WITH HIM YESTERDAY AND I WILL SEE HIM AGAIN TODAY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF NEGOTIATIONS. BUT I BETTER WAIT UNTIL I SEE HIM AGAIN.

Q: YOU DO NOT THINK THAT IT HAS BEEN DETRIMENTAL TO A SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN KARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL?

KISSINGER: I THINK THAT HAS TO BE DECIDED BY THE INDIVIDUALS PRIMARILY CONCERNED. BUT I THINK THAT TURKEY WILL MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE.

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT THIS TIME IT WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE ROME MEETINGS?

KISSINGER: I JUST DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE. I AM ALWAYS HOPEFUL THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

Q: DO YOU HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN TURKEY ARE ACTUALLY BEING DIFFICULT ABOUT THE CYPRUS CASE NOW THAN THEY DID BEFORE?

ECEVIT: IT IS NOT FAIR ASKING THAT QUESTION WHILE I AM HERE. (LAUGHTER)

KISSINGER: I HAVE NOT EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO MR. ECEVIT. BUT I CANNOT IMAGINE THAT HE WILL BE DIFFICULT OR DO ANYTHING WHICH IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF TURKEY.

Q: (IN TURKISH TO ECEVIT) IT IS BEING SAID THAT THE RPP HAS SEPARATED ITSELF FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND THAT THE RPP IS NOT OF THE SAME OPINION AS OTHERS ON THIS. WOULD YOU PLEASE COMMENT?

ECEVIT: (IN TURKISH) AS I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU ON MANY OCCASIONS, A POLITICAL PARTY CANNOT CONDUCT A COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY WHEN NOT IN POWER. AND IF IT TRIES TO CONDUCT THIS POLICY, IT WOULD BE BOTH AN ERROR AND A PRESUMPTIOUS ACTION; AND THE FACT IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET MADE A DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS POLICY. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE IF THE OPPOSITION TAKES THE LEAD AND ANNOUNCES ITS VIEW BEFORE THE

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GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED ITS OWN POLICY OR EXPLAINS ITS POLICY TO THE OPPOSITION. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH CAN NEVER TAKE PLACE IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY. FOR THIS REASON WE ARE WAITING TO SEE WHAT POSITION THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE.

Q: (IN TURKISH) WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY MR. NECDET UGUR (RPP LEADER IN PARLIAMENT) WAS NOT SENT TO LOBBY IN THE UNITED STATES WITH OTHER PARLIAMENTARIANS?

ECEVIT: (IN TURKISH) WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED WITH SUCH LOBBYING. AND OUR PARLIAMENTARIANS AND DIPLOMATIC FRIENDS COULD NOT BE AS CONVINCING AS MR. KISSINGER...

KISSINGER: (STEADY NOW...

ECEVIT: (IN ENGLISH) I WILL TELL YOU WHAT I SAID. (IN TURKISH)...IN EXPLAINING TO THE CONGRESS THE REASON THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY SHOULD BE LIFTED. (IN ENGLISH) YOU SEE, SHE ASKED ME, MRS. YALCIN ASKED ME, A QUESTION.O THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD SEND A SMALL GROUP OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR LOBBYING IN YOUR CONGRESS. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USELESS, IT COULD NOT BE THE RIGHT WAY AND SHE ASKED THE REASON WHY. I SAID, AFTER ALL WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR PARLIAMENTARIANS TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO TO THE CONGRESSMEN BETTER THAN DR. KISSINGER. DR. KISSINGER IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION AND SO WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A FUTILE TASK. I AM SURE THE ADMINISTRATION IS DOING EVERYTHING TO EXPLAIN TO THE CONGRESSMEN THAT THE EMBARGO SHOULD BE LIFTED.

KISSINGER: AS I SAID YESTERDAY, WE WILL DO OUR UTMOST WHEN THE CONGRESS RECONVENES EARLY IN JUNE TO SECURE A LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

Q: DR. KISSINGER, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CONGRESSMEN WILL BE SATISFIED THAT THE DIALOGUE HAS STARTED, BUT THAT IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT.

KISSINGER: WELL, I DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON WHAT THE CONGRESS WILL DO. THE PRESIDENT AND I WILL PRESENT OUR STRONG CONVICTIONS TO THE CONGRESS AND WE WILL PRESENT OUR VIEW THAT AID TO TURKEY IS NOT GIVEN AS A FAVOR TO TURKEY, BUT IN THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY AND WE HOPE THEY WILL SEE IT THE SAME WAY. MAYBE WE WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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ANSWER THE REST AFTERWARDS.

ECEVIT: YES, YES, I THINK THE COFFEE IS GETTING COLD.

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QUOTE (FOLLOWING BREAKFAST)

KISSINGER: MR. ECEVIT AND I HAD A VERY GOOD TALK. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE OLD FRIENDS SO WE CAN TALK VERY FRANKLY AND VERY COMPLETELY. IT WAS, OF COURSE, NOT AN OCCASION TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS. BUT, WE HAD A VERY GOOD REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN GENERAL AND OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN PARTICULAR.

ECEVIT: (IN TURKISH) MY WIFE, MYSELF AND MY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN MOST PLEASED TO WELCOME MR. KISSINGER AND HIS ESTEEMED

FRIENDS AT MY HOME. AT TIMES OF VERY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS,  
MY OLD FRIEND AND ESTEEMED STATESMAN, MR. KISSINGER,  
AND I HAD FOUND OPPORTUNITY TO TALK EVEN IF THIS WAS OVER  
THE TELEPHONE, AND IN THIS MEETING, WE HAVE TAKEN THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BOTH THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND WORLD  
ISSUES IN GENERAL. IT WAS A VERY USEFUL MEETING FOR ME.  
NATURALLY, SINCE WE ARE NOT IN POWER, REACHING ANY AGREEMENT  
OR TAKING A DECISION, WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. WE ONLY  
DISCUSSED OUR VIEWS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. IT WAS A VERY  
FRANK DISCUSSION. (END TURKISH. BEGIN ENGLISH)  
IT WAS VERY NICE OF YOU TO COME.  
KISSINGER: VERY NICE TO SEE YOU, TOO.  
ECEVIT: GIVE MY BEST REGARDS TO MRS. KISSINGER.

Q: HAS HE GIVEN YOU ANY ASSURANCES ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE  
OPPOSITION ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION?  
KISSINGER: WE DISCUSSED THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND I AM CERTAIN  
THAT IT WILL BE A RESPONSIBLE ROLE AS HE HAS ALWAYS SAID IT  
WOULD BE.

Q: DID YOU LIKE YOUR BREAKFAST?  
KISSINGER: YES, IT WAS A TURKISH BREAKFAST. IT WAS VERY  
GOOD. IT WAS A LITTLE FATTENING I WOULD SAY. (LAUGHTER)  
GOOD-BYE. IT WAS VERY NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.  
ECEVIT: GOOD-BYE.

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Q: WILL YOU COME TO TURKEY AGAIN?  
KISSINGER: I DO NOT KNOW. I ALWAYS LIKE TO COME TO  
TURKEY.

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